

## Xmas AT Clapp's Hardware

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WRIGHT HOUSE.

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tity of home-made Christ-  
mas Candy that we offer  
to our patrons at **25c**  
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A full line of all the well  
known varieties of candies  
in fancy Xmas Boxes.

Fruits, Nuts, Cigars,  
Tobaccos,  
Ice Cream, Etc.

We wish our patrons a  
*Merry Christmas*  
and a most prosperous and  
*Happy New Year*

**Luchini Bros.**

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

W. G. Griffin is in Saginaw today on business.  
C. V. Calkins is in Mt. Pleasant on business today.  
Mike Downing returned yesterday from Cleveland.

John Miner of St. Louis was in Alma Wednesday on business.

Walter Caple of Clare was in Alma on business the fore part of the week.

George H. Smith transacted business in Ithaca on Wednesday of this week.

George Sandel transacted business in Detroit the latter part of last week.

Bert Eckert transacted business in Breckenridge on Tuesday of this week.

C. A. Sullivan transacted business in Temple on Wednesday of this week.

G. V. Wright was in Riverdale and Ferris on business on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson are visiting with the latter's parents at Vestaburg today.

Asa Barber of Mason visited with his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Glass, the fore part of the week.

The Luther Circle of the M. E. church will meet Thursday, December 28th, with Mrs. N. E. Saad.

Robert Notestein, who is attending the College of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Mosher of Detroit, a former resident of this city visited with Alma relatives and friends last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Beshgetoor left this morning for Indianapolis, Indiana, where they will spend the holidays.

C. E. Kellogg of Rochester, N. Y., spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Laycock.

Dr. and Mrs. Pringle and daughter, Josephine, will leave the last of the week for Detroit, where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. C. P. Cone of Saginaw spent the week end in Alma, visiting with her husband, who is employed at Miller Brothers' store.

C. M. Johnson returned last week Saturday from a several days' trip to Toledo, where he attended a meeting of the Overland dealers.

Miss Ruth Kelly, who is attending the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, is spending the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Edna Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Renner will leave the first of the week for Tennessee where they will spend the winter.

Remember that the Model Bakery is prepared to handle any kind of fancy bakery goods you may order from us for the holiday season. Try it, Model Bakery. 70-11-c

On Tuesday next I will have a car load of choice potatoes from Greenville which I will sell at \$1.75 per bushel at the car as long as they last. Nelson Smith. 70-11-c

David Dutt of Riverdale was called to McCook, Nebraska, last Saturday by the death of his only son, Floyd, who was 31 years of age. He was well known here.

Alma college closed Wednesday for the annual Christmas vacation. Classes were held until noon on Wednesday. The college will open again on January 1, 1917.

J. S. Simons, C. W. Darragh and J. C. Jenkins of Big Rapids, officers of the Four Drive Tractor company, were in the city on business two or three days this week.

Word has been received to the effect that the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Perry of Chicago and former Alma resident, passed away the first of the week.

The fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oile about 7:00 o'clock this morning, where a small fire had started. The damage was very slight.

Mrs. William Wysel is visiting at the home of her daughter in Grand Rapids for a couple weeks. She will return to her home here immediately after the first of the year.

Ervin Smith of Wheeler and Miss Fern Snyder of Alma were quietly married at the United Brethren parsonage by Rev. A. B. Bowman Wednesday afternoon, December 20th.

Madam Trapp and the Misses W. C. Trapp and Frances Stitt will leave Saturday for Toledo, Ohio, where they will spend the holidays, the guests at the homes of relatives and friends.

A letter received from Charles Hutchings, now located at San Diego, California, asks for the Alma Record to be sent to his address, as he is anxious to get the news that is always in the Alma Record.

About forty from here went to St. Louis on Sunday, and that evening aided the St. Louis choral club, in the rendering of the famous oratorio, "The Messiah," which was given at the opera house there.

A book containing the complete addresses as given at the inauguration of President Harry Means Crooks of Alma college, October 31st, and November 1st, is coming from the Record presses this week.

We wish to thank all the patrons of the Model Bakery for their liberal patronage given us during the past year and solicit a continuance in the future.

We also wish you and yours all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Model Bakery. 70-11-c

The Alma college glee club will go to Detroit January 19th, and furnish music at the meeting of the Detroit Presbyterian Alliance, which meets in that city that evening. The Alliance will stage what will be called Alma college night, and efforts will be made at this time to secure considerable Detroit interest in the Alma college endowment campaign.

The Four Drive Tractor company of Big Rapids will give an exhibition with one of its tractors on the streets of Alma, December 26th, at St. Louis or December 27th, and at Breckenridge on the 27th. It is the most wonderful invention of modern times for the aid of the farmers in plowing and fitting their soil. It will be a complete innovation in the heavy work of the farms. Don't fail to see this powerful machine. Four Drive Tractor company. 70-11-c

### THE SCHEDULE

A. H. S. Schedule Has Strong Teams Listed for Games.

The Alma high school basketball schedule is still far from completed, only seven games having been arranged so far, but at that Coach Lake has secured some very attractive bills for his high school team.

Strong teams such as Grand Rapids, Cadillac, Owosso and Mt. Pleasant have already been booked, and others are still pending a settlement of dates. Other teams that the high schoolers will meet will be one of the Saginaw high teams, possibly Lansing, St. Johns and Bay City.

The schedule as far as arranged is as follows:

January 5—Cadillac at Cadillac.

January 12—Grand Rapids Union at Grand Rapids.

January 13—Greenville at Greenville.

February 2—Mt. Pleasant high at Alma.

February 9—Cadillac high school at Alma.

February 23—Owosso high at Alma.

March 3—Mt. Pleasant high at Mt. Pleasant.

The practice game at the high school last Friday evening brought forth the fact that Coach Lake has some good material and it is expected that the Alma high school team will be represented by a strong quintet once the season gets well under way.

### QUESTION SETTLED

College Will Debate on Question of Immigration.

The question for the triangular debate this year between Hope, Olivet and Alma colleges has been decided, and relates to the immigration from the far eastern countries.

The question adopted was one submitted by Alma, and it is the first time in years that a question proposed by Alma college has been accepted.

The question reads, "Resolved, That with respect to Immigration the United States should accord to the Citizens of China and Japan, the same treatment that is extended to the Citizens of the European Nations."

The preliminaries for the debating squad will be held on January 10th, at which time all candidates for the teams will be asked to give a ten minute talk on either side of the question. A dozen men will be selected from these, making two negative and two affirmative teams, which will constantly keep at work on the question as well as holding a series of debates to secure the best possible results.

This year Alma debates with Olivet at Olivet, the negative team going to the Crimson stronghold, while the affirmative team will debate with Hope at Alma. The debates are to be held about the first of April.

### AN EASY ONE

Breckenridge Basketball Team Could Not Cope With Alma.

A practice game staged at the high school gymnasium last week Friday night, saw the Breckenridge basketball team buried under a shower of points, Alma counting 32 to 6 for the visitors.

Alma went into the game with very little practice and as a result the passing and basket shooting was not of the highest order, but yet it was sufficient to keep the Breckenridge lads bewildered during the entire game.

Coach Lake made several shifts and in all used nine men against the Breckenridge outfit, but it made no difference who was in the game, the scoring going on merrily all the while.

Lanson, Campbell, Howe, White, Stauffer, Smith, Medler, Mann and Boyd were the men used.

The Alma guarding was fairly good, but lack of practice also hurt the basket shooting of the visitors and did much in keeping down their scoring. They scored 4 points in the first half against 20 of Alma.

Medler with eight baskets for sixteen points was the Alma star.

### IN TOILS AGAIN

William Secord Accused of Stealing Hogs.

William Secord of this city is again in the toils, having been arrested on Tuesday of this week on a warrant issued by Clem Brewer, which charged the young man of stealing seven hogs from the slaughter house on Monday night.

The seven hogs which were stolen weighed about 1,500 pounds and were valued at about \$125.00.

Secord was arrested on Tuesday afternoon before Justice Al Mann and after the preliminary hearing Secord asked for a further hearing which has been set for December 26th.

Secord has been in trouble several times in the past, and usually has managed to get out of it in some way. He has not always managed to be that lucky however, and once again he may find that the warrant that has been issued may again prove an unlucky number, if the charge is proven against him.

### ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB

The Arcada Farmers' Club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hainline Thursday, December 28, 1916. Come as early as possible so that the dinner may be served promptly at noon, in order to give time for the program.

Program as follows:  
Song by club.  
Prayer, Rev. Priest.  
Roll call.

Minutes of last meeting.  
Music, Louise Hainline.  
Recitation, Elizabeth Udell.  
Delegates reports.

Music, Mesdames Crandall and Barker.  
Election of officers.  
Song by club.

Bring folding tables and song books.

MRS. IRISH,  
MRS. BURTON,  
MRS. CLINE,  
MRS. UDELL,  
Committee.

## To Our Friends and Patrons

That you may have a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, expresses our season's greeting.

You have helped to make this a year of remarkable success for us, and we thank you. We trust the year has also been a prosperous one for you.

Let us supply your every need in our line during 1917, for our desire is to continue and increase our pleasant relations with you.

## SLATER & GOODES

MEN'S WEAR

## A Merry Christmas

THAT all of our patrons and friends may enjoy a Merry Christmas, is our wish, and we hope that this slight acknowledgement of the support that we have received from them, will be accepted as it is given out, straight from the heart.

## The Economy Shoe Store

"The Home of Good Shoes"

## Christmas Gifts for Men

Look these suggestions over carefully you  
may find just the gift to please, Dad,  
Brother or a Friend.

## Cigars

All the popular brands of 5c Cigars in boxes of 25 at \$1.00 to \$1.25. Boxes of 50 \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Many kinds of 10c Cigars to choose from such as the Dutch Masters, Robert Burns, El Versos, Lovitas, Wm. Penns, LaAzoras, LaPrificencia, San Telinos, Pastorias, or if you prefer clear Havana Cigars these are among the best, Dulce, Republic, Daniel Webster, Custer, Rio Tan or Hansel & Gratel. We have them in Xmas packed boxes of 10 for \$1.00 to \$1.25. Boxes of 25 \$2.00 to \$2.50. Boxes of 50 \$4.00 to \$5.00.

## Tobaccos

We carry a line of high grade Smoking Tobaccos such as, Phillip Morris Mixture, Blue Bore, Herbert Terryton Mixture, Edgworth, etc., from \$1.00 to \$2.50 a pound. Also all the popular brands of Smoking Tobaccos in fancy glass humidors packed in fancy Xmas packages at 50c the 1/2 pound, and 90c the pound. These humidors are air tight and keep the tobacco moist indefinitely. When empty they can be refilled again.

## Pipes

Most of our large stock of Pipes are made by the Wm. Demuthe Pipe Co., which is a guarantee of quality. Briar Pipes with beautiful Bakelite stems, all shapes for 50c, 75c and \$1.00. We have a variety of fancy Pipes in Plush Lined Cases—various combinations of material producing marvelous results—Briar and Bakelite or Amber Stems, Gold or Silver mounted; Meerschaum Pipes with Bakelite or Amber Stems, Gold or Silver Mounted; or Bakelite Pipes with Briar or Meerschaum Bowls, Gold Mounted. These vary in price from \$1.50 to \$8.00.

Cigars and  
Cigarette  
Holders  
Cigarette  
Cases

Cigar and Cigarette Holders made of the ever popular Bakelite by the Wm. Demuthe Pipe Co., can be had for 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00, plain or gold mounted, also in plush lined cases \$1.00 and up.

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